deration to construct underground railway line from Ramrajatala in Howrah to Salt Lake, Calcutta;

(b) if so, what is the present stage of the proposal;

(c) whether Government would take a decision in this regard and implement the proposal immediately; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Metropolitan Transport Project (Railways) after carrying out feasibility studies in 1971—75, recommended construction of a metro railway network in Calcutta in three-phases. The first phase from Dum Dum to Tollyganj in the North-South corridor is expected to be completed by 1991. The second phase of construction includes Salt Lake City—Ramrajatala—East West corridor. No decision has yet been taken to sanction the second phase.

Scholarships and Stipends granted to Students by Wakf Boards/Council

316. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) number of scholarships and stipends granted by the Central Wakf Council to Muslim students class-wise and State-wise during the last two financial years alongwith the total amount of these scholarship and stipends; and

(b) number of muslim widows and divorced women to whom financial assistance has been given by State Wakf boards and the Central Wakf Council during the last two financial years along with the total amount of financial assistance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) A statement giving the desired information is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 12].

(b) No financial assistance is given by the Central Wakf Council to Muslim widows and divorced women. As regards the State Wakf Boards, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as received.

Glut in Fertiliser Industry

317. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a glut in the fertiliser industry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether production of fertilisers has also fallen as a result thereof;

(d) if so, what was the production during 1988;

(e) whether this has resulted in the import of fertilisers; and

(f) if so, what was the quantity of fertilisers imported during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The supply of nitrogenous fertilisers in the country is very comfortable, but import of phosphatic and potastic fertilisers continues as the country does not have adequate sources of raw material for the manufacture of phosphatic fertilisers and virtually no source of potastic fertilisers (Muriate of Potash).

(c) and (d) The indigenous production of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilisers has been increasing over